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SUBJECT: CZECHOSLOVAKIA HARVEST SITUATION

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1. ESTIMATED 10.3 MIL TONS GRAIN PRODUCTION IN 1975 HAS BEEN CONSISTENTLY MAINTAINED IN RECENT WEEKS AS REALISTIC GOAL BY HIGH LEVEL CZECHOSLOVAK OFFICIALS. AS RECENTLY AS AUGUST 6 PRAGUE RADIO QUOTED FEDERAL MINISTER AGRICULTURE BOHUSLAV VECERA AS SAYING:

2. QUOTE. CZECHOSLOVAK FARMERS ARE EXPECTED TO HARVEST 10.3 MIL TONS GRAIN THIS YEAR IN ACCORDANCE WITH DYNAMIC GROWTH OF PRODUCTION. FIRST YIELDS SHOW IT IS REALISTIC TASK WHICH CAN BE FULFILLED. RESULTS SO FAR SHOW NUMBER OF DISTRICTS WITH AVERAGE YIELDS OF CEREALS 40 TO 50 QUINTALS PER HECTARE WILL INCREASE IN COMPARISON WITH

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LAST YEAR. END QUOTE.

3. SINCE 10.3 MIL TONS HAPPENS CONCIDE ALSO WITH STATE PLAN FOR 1975, IT IS NOT LIKELY THIS WILL BE GREATLY ALTERED IN OFFICIAL STATISTICS BARRING LAST MINUTE UNFORESEEN DIFFICULTIES DURING REMAINDER HARVEST. AS OF AUGUST 1 HARVEST OF GRAIN IN COUNTRY WAS 40 PER-CENT COMPLETE AND ALMOST 100 PERCENT IN THE SLOVAK REGION.

4. WHILE DELIVERIES FOR STATE FUNDS (FOR MILLING, MALTING AND FEED MANUFACTURING) NOT ALWAYS BEST INDICATION LEVEL OF PRODUCTION, IN THE SLOVAK REGION, WHERE ONE-THIRD OF COUNTRY'S GRAIN HAS ALREADY BEEN

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